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### **Wanted Suspect Arrested for Illegal Firearm Possession**

**St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands** - On Monday, September 25, 2023, at about 9:00 p.m., the Criminal Investigation Bureau took 29-year-old Jakel J. Bell into custody while at the Alexander Farrelly Justice Complex pursuant to an Arrest Warrant issued by the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands pertaining to the incident that occurred on March 16, 2023, at Cyril E. King Airport.

Bell was charged with Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm, Failing to Report Firearm, Aiding & Abetting (Importation of Firearm without a License), Conspiracy (Importation of Firearms without a License). Bail was set at \$100,000.00.

This case is presently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Any persons having information regarding this incident are asked to contact Detective S. Rhymer or Detective R. Velazquez of Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340)774-2211. Calls can also be made to 911, or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-8477.

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**AAF Justice Complex, 5400 Veterans Drive St. Thomas, 00802 \* (340) 774-2211**  
**Administrative Services Building 45 Mars Hill, Frederiksted St. Croix, 00840 \* (340) 778-2211**

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